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**AWARD FOR DISABLED FORMER CADETS**



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This instruction implements AFD 36-28, *Awards and Decorations*. It identifies the sponsor of and describes the award for disabled former cadets, and outlines the criteria and procedures for nomination.

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**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

Deletes award amount, donor address, and presentation information; changes selection cycle from February to December (para 4.2.1.).

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**1. Sponsor and Description.** The Crippled Children's Friendly Aid Association, Inc., established and sponsors the award as an annual grant in honor of Eugene M. Zuckert, former Secretary of the Air Force. The donor presents this annual award to an honorably discharged former cadet to enable recipients to further their education or obtain special medical assistance so they can become more productive citizens.

**2. Who May Apply.** Any former USAF Academy cadet who has been honorably discharged because of being crippled, disabled, or blinded while enrolled at the USAF Academy, or because of the discovery of a physical defect after entering the USAF Academy, is eligible. The award may be presented to the same individual more than one time, not to exceed four times.

**3. Selection Criteria:**

- 3.1. Capability of the individual to become a more useful citizen if the money is used for further education or for special assistance.
- 3.2. A definite financial need.
- 3.3. Academic and military performance as a cadet.

**4. Selection Procedures.** The Cadet Awards Council makes the annual nomination and administers the award.

**4.1. Command Surgeon.** 10 MDG/CC provides a staff representative to serve as a medical consultant as required by the Council.

**4.2. To Make the Award, the Council Takes the Following Action:**

- 4.2.1. Reviews the records of individuals medically discharged from the Cadet Wing during the previous 12-month period (ending last day of December), and the records of those medically discharged prior to that period who request consideration for the current year's award.
- 4.2.2. Requests updated medical, financial, and educational information whenever the Council determines such information is needed. Provides eligible ex-cadets a questionnaire to supply financial information.
- 4.2.3. Uses criteria in paragraph 3. to select not more than one former cadet for the award.
- 4.2.4. Forwards a letter signed by the Superintendent to the President, The Crippled Children's Friendly Aid Association, Inc., advising of the selection and reasons therefore. The letter will include the name of the school, hospital, doctor, or other individual or organization to whom the check will be drawn or dispatched.
- 4.2.5. Notifies the award recipient by letter. The Crippled Children's Friendly Aid Association Inc., forwards funds to the individual or organization identified in the Superintendent's letter.

**4.3. The Cadet Awards Council.** The Council will notify The Crippled Children's Friendly Aid Association, Inc., if it declines to nominate an award candidate for any year.

RUBEN A. CUBERO, Brig Gen, USAF  
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